

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

JEWELL, Jack L.

Serial Number: To be assigned

Art Unit: 2501

Filed: Concurrently herewith

Examiner: Kang, E.

For: CONDUCTIVE ELEMENT WITH LATERAL
OXIDATION BARRIER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification, without prejudice or disclaimer, as indicated below:

Page 11, lines 7 and 8, please replace the phrase "12 is assessed by pit 58" with -- 12 is accessed by pit 58 and oxidized via pit 58.--;

Page 14, lines 16 through 17, please replace the phrase "oxidizing layers 150 and nonoxidizing layers 152," with --oxidizing layers 24 and nonoxidizing layers 26,--; and

Page 16, line 3, please replace the phrase "through oxidizing layers 24." with -- through oxidizing layers 24, via holes or basins 174.--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 through 56, without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add the claims as indicated below: